

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

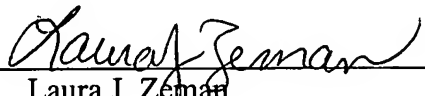
In the May 17, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-9, 36-45, 48 and 49 and objected to claims 2, 10-13, 46 and 47. The Examiner further stated that claims 2, 10-13, and 46-47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This response cancels claims 2, 14-35, and 46, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amends claims 1, 36, and 47 for consideration. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 3-13, 36-45, 47-49 (2 independent claims; 25 total claims) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In accordance with the Examiner's statement regarding the claims that were objected to, Applicant has rewritten claims 1 and 36 to include the subject matter indicated as patentable by the Examiner. All remaining claims depend from these two patentable independent claims and are believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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